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Shuttle Atlantis shows off new cockpit display that provides easy use, crew interaction



KSC celebrates "The Future Is Me" by bringing daughters to work April 22

▲ **Shuttle Atlantis Showcases Glass Cockpit** – Moving into the new millennium, Atlantis is the first orbiter to be upgraded with a Multifunction Electronic Display Subsystem (MEDS), known as the glass cockpit. The full-color flat panel MEDS replaces electromechanical cockpit displays like cathode ray tube screens, gauges and instruments. The new system improves crew/orbiter interaction with easy-to-read graphic portrayals of key flight indicators like attitude display and Mach speed. In the photo, Center Director Roy Bridges (seated left) and Associate Director for Advanced Development and Shuttle Upgrades JoAnn Morgan (standing second from left) get a close-up look and briefing on the MEDS from Laural Patrick (far left), with NASA, and George Selina, with United Space Alliance.



▲ **Take Our Daughters To Work Day** -- Kennedy Space Center will celebrate "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" on April 22, 1999. This special day targets girls from 9 to 15, when they are forming their sense of self and building on ideas for their future. On this day, KSC employees are invited to bring a daughter, granddaughter, niece, sister or neighbor's child to work with them to share the work experience and to encourage the girls to set goals for their future, and to build self-esteem. The theme for this year is "The Future is Me." See the April 16 issue of *Spaceport News* for more information on badging requirements, the day's activities and programs. Point of contact: <mailto:Jean.Rhodes-1@ksc.nasa.gov> or Liz.Wise-1@ksc.nasa.gov

◆ **Environmental and Energy Awareness Week Celebration** -- During the week of April 19-23, NASA and the Air Force have combined efforts to plan several environmental and energy awareness activities in recognition of Earth Day, April 22, 1999. The kick-off celebration is being held at the Visitor Complex on Monday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a wide range of environmental and energy related exhibits. On April 20, the display will be at Hangar F and on April 21 at Patrick AFB. Selected exhibits will be also be displayed in the lobbies of the Headquarters, OSB, SSPF buildings and at CCAS on April 22. In addition, there will be presentations from local environmental groups in the Training Auditorium throughout the day.

◆ **Did You Know?** The NASA Kennedy Management Association (NKMA) is hosting a Golf Tournament on Friday, April 16, 1999, at The Savannahs Golf Course in Merritt Island. The cost is \$40. E-mail registration/mail FEE to Richard Quinn, OP-ESO-B, 7-3381 or to any NKMA Officer.

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